

In 1896, the Hundley Bros. wood-working shops were purchased to be conducted by the institution more for the industrial training of the boys than as a commercial enterprise. This is one of the leading industries of the Orphanage.

Among the many difficult tasks to which Mr. Lawrence applied himself energetically were the more thorough organization and systematizing of the institution and its transformation from the congregate or barracks system to the more efficient and modern cottage system.

Mr. Benjamin N. Duke, a Director of the institution on the part of the State, a man of large means, was much impressed with the worth of the work, deeply interested in its further development and improvement, and keenly conscious of its great need of more buildings of suitable construction and better equipment. Mr. Duke, desirous of rendering the most permanent aid to the institution in thorough co-operation with the Masonic Fraternity, made propositions to the Grand Lodge to contribute half of the funds required for the buildings needed and planned, and urged by Brother Lawrence, the Superintendent. The Fraternity gratefully accepted Mr. Duke's liberal offers and together they erected four cottages for boys, a central dining room building and, later on, four cottages for girls. The boys' cottages and the dining room building were completed in 1897. The girls' cottages were not finished and occupied until 1899. These additions and improvements to the

material plant were essential to a better grade of work and Mr. Duke and the Masonic Order in recognizing the value of such improvements and uniting to make it possible for the institution to secure them, increased the effectiveness and the possibilities of the Orphanage immeasurably.

Since the organization of the work in 1872 the gifts from Masons and other charitable people throughout the length and breadth of North Carolina have been many. In this sketch it is, of course, impracticable to give the names of all the kind helpers who have united in this blessed enterprise. All of the gifts, if love prompted, have been large and pleasing to the great Father of the fatherless.

Some friends, who have been co-operants in the cause, during their day of labor on the earth, have, in a wise, practical way, remembered the homeless children in their last will and testament and have directed that a part of the funds they were to leave behind be employed in carrying forward the work.

Bequests have been made by E. F. Powell, of Halifax; Miss Sallie A. Jones, of Greenville; B. F. Moore, of Wake County; David Oettinger, of Wilson; Samuel Fogle, of Winston; Mrs. Rebecca Baird, of Buncombe County; B. E. Sedberry, of Fayetteville; Mrs. Malvina T. White, of Winston; Miss E. V. Bynum, of Saratoga, Wilson County; James A. Bradley, of California; F. M. Phillips, of Davie County; Washing-